FLEMSTADTS

Most Strange and Wonderful

PROPHECY

Foretelling what may be the

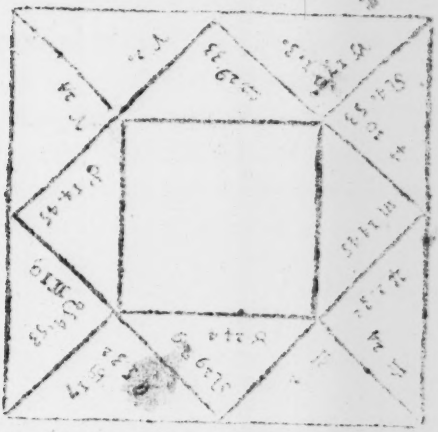
Wonderful Effects & Continuance

OF THE

Present Frost,

This Month, and the Ensuing Month of *March*.

With an Historical Account of the several Great *FROSTS* since the Conquest.



Canst thou Bind the sweet Influences of Pleiades? Or loose the Bands of Orion. Job 38. verse 31.

Licensed according to Order.

Obſervations on the Preſent Froſt.

IT is a Truth ſo undeniable Demonſtrable, that there is an *America* of Knowledge yet to be *Diſcovered*, chiefly in the *Celeſtial Kingdom*, that even the *Sacred Oracles* themſelves aſſure us of its Verity, *Day unto* Day, and *Night unto Night, teacheth Knowledge.* And there is a kind of Neceſſity, that there ſhould be a *plus ultra* in *Science*, for the ſatisfaction of the *curious Inquiſitors* that ſhall appear in Ages to come: But ſo prevalent is the *Spirit* of *Ignorance*, that the greater part of Mankind, rather *Scoff* at, than *Admire the Works of Gods Creation.* All People know there is a *Moon*, but few believe her *Influence*, although they daily feel it. 'Tis pity the commonneſs of things *truly Excellent*, ſhould render them *Contemptible*; yet ſuch is the *Miſery* unto which *Humanity*

is *Obnoxious*, that it ever doth ſo. He who truly ſtudies the *Works of God*, will find that *Froſt* and *Snow*, *Hail*, *Rain*, and *Wind*, *&c.* come not by *Chance*, or from any *unaccountable Motion of Matter*, but at ſet and determinate *periods* and *Revolutions* of the *Planitary Bodies*. *Ptolemy* hath ſo great a regard to the *Moons Influence*, that he tells us, all things *Animate* and *Inanimate*, receive her *Impreſſion*.

Now, there are ſeveral *Ingenious* and *Learned Men*, ready enough to allow of the *Moon's Influence*, who nevertheleſs, will be apt to argue, that we live in an *Iſland* which hath no manner of Correſpondency with the *Continent*, and therefore the Pretence of our *Prognoſticks* of *Froſt*, *Snow*, *Hail*, *Rain*, from the *Moon*, is not to be allow'd; but alas, as the *Incomparably Ingenious*, and moſt *Elaborate Student* in the *Changes of the Weather*, the Learned Dr. *Goad*, well Remarks, *This is but a meer excuſe; for the new*,

New, and alſo the full Moon, hath the ſame Influence here and there, and all the World over, Obſervatis Obſervandis, *in the prime product beſure, and alſo in its Conſequents, according to the capacity of the Region or Country, and Seaſon of the Year; and what more can Reaſon expect?*

This fourth, laſt, and worſt Quarter of all the Year, commenced with the *Suns* entrance into the firſt Scruple of the *Tropick* of *Capricorn*; at which time the Inhabitants of this *Earthly Globe*, receive the leaſt Portion of the *Suns Rays* and *Light*, which is one main Reaſon of *Froſt* and *Snow*, and other extremity of *Weather*. The *Celeſtial Aſpects* in this Month of *February* are theſe, *viz.* a *Quartile* of *Mars* and *Venus* in *Gemini* and *Piſces*, of the *Sun* and *Saturn* in *Sagitary* and *Piſces*, a *Trine* of *Mars* and *Mercury* in *Gemini* and *Aquarius*; of *Saturn* and *Venus* in *Aries* and *Sagittary* and *Aquarius*, and of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* in *Taurus* and *Piſces*. Theſe *Configurations*,

figurations, and innumerable other *Signs* and *Tangets*, doth ſeem plainly to be for the moſt part of a *Cold Nature*, and that the extremity of *Cold-Weather*, *Froſt* and *Snow*, which we had the laſt Month, and the prior part of this, is likely to continue to the end of the ſame, if not to the prior part of the Month of *March*; yet our hopes are, that we ſhall not have ſuch another *Froſt*, as in the Year 1683. when for 13. weeks together, the *Thames* was Frozen over, and a kind of Fair kept thereon, called *Blanket-Fair*, from the numerous company of *Blankets* uſed for to cover their *Huts* or *Tents*, where both Men, Women, and Children, Horſes, Carts and Coaches, went thereon as on dry Ground; the latter carrying the *Lawyers* in *Term-Time*, from the *Temple* to *Weſtminſter-Hall*, and Foot-Paſſengers went as thick as in any Street in *London*. There were alſo ſeveral Diverſions, as *Bull-baiting*, *Nine-Pin-Playing*, *&c.* a whole *Oxe Roaſted* on the *Ice* againſt *White-*

White-Hall; and likewiſe a *Printing-Preſs* was kept in a Booth over-againſt *York-Stairs*, where many Thouſands had their *Names Printed*.

In the Reign of King *Edward* the *Third*, (according to the Account of Sir *Richard Baker*,) a *Froſt* laſted from the midſt of *September*, to the Month of *April*, and a great part of the time with great *Violence*.

In the ſeventh Year of Queen *Elizabeth*, on the 21 of *December*, began a *Froſt*, ſo extream, that on *New-Years-Eve*, People paſſed over the *Thames* on *Foot*; ſome play'd at *Foot-ball*, ſome ſhot at *Pricks*, as if it had been firm Ground. Yet the great *Froſt*, the third of *January* at Night, began to *thaw*, and by the Fifth Day, there was no *Ice* at all to be ſeen; which *Sudden Thaw*, cauſed great *Inundations*.

In the Sixth Year of the Reign of *King James* the Firſt, *Anno Dom.* 1608, a *Froſt* began in *December*, which continued

nued till *April* following, with ſuch Violence, that not only the *Thames* was ſo *frozen*, that *Carts loden*, were driven over as on *Dry-Land*, but many *Fowls* and *Birds* periſhed; as alſo, much *Herbage* in *Gardens*, eſpecially *Artichoaks* and *Roſemary*, were deſtroy'd.

In the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Fourth, there was ſo ſharp a *Winter*, and ſo great a *Froſt*, with ſuch Abundance of *Snow*, continuing *December*, *January*, *February*, and *March*, that great Quantities of *Cattle* and large *Fowl* died, and almoſt all *ſmall Birds* periſhed thro' Hunger.

In the Reign of King *Edward* the *Confeſſor*, in the Month of *January*, ſuch abundance of *Snow* fell, continuing to the middle of *March* following, that almoſt all *Cattle* and *Fowl* Periſhed, and therewithal an exceſſive *Dearth* followed.

FINIS.